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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices received for American apples at the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, October 26, indicate a general improvement in the market, according to quotations cabled to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Supplies of English apples are diminishing. The English market could take more highly colored boxed apples, states Mr. Smith. In general, the market at the present time is undersupplied with red dessert varieties. Grancfruit supplies are heavy. There is an active demand for high grade fruit in Copenhagen, states Mr. Smith.

American barreled stock in general is in light supply and there is an active demand for fruit in first class condition. Virginia Jonathans topped the market in Liverpool this week. U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock was keenly competed for, fruit in good condition selling quickly at from \$7.30 to \$8.76 per barrel as against \$6.81 to \$7.91 per barrel paid for fruit in poor condition last week. There was a very good demand for Virginia Stayman Winesaps and York Imperials. U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch sizes of Stayman Winesaps brought from \$8.03 to \$8.27 per barrel as against \$8.15 to \$8.27 paid for the $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch sizes offered last week. York Imperials in good condition sold quickly at from \$6.81 to \$7.30 per barrel, which was the same price as that realized last week. Many of the Yorks this week were in an overripe condition.

A large proportion of the shipments of barreled stock arriving during the past week was not in standard merchandising condition. In fact, the condition of all of the available supplies of barreled stock was classified as variable. The available supplies of New York Baldwins were in poor condition and sold slowly at from \$4.74 to \$4.87 per barrel. Supplies of that variety, however, were very light. Many low grade York Imperials from Virginia sold mostly at from \$5.60 to \$6.33 per barrel, which is equivalent to approximately \$3.45 to \$4.13 per barrel f.o.b. Winchester. There was only a moderate demand for the offerings of Virginia Ganos, U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock in good condition selling at from \$6.33 to \$6.81 per barrel as against \$6.08 to \$7.66 per barrel last week.

The demand for boxed stock during the past week was good. Supplies of boxed varieties in general were light. As previously stated, the British market could take larger quantities of highly colored boxed apples. Washington Jonathans were actively competed for and passed the hammer rapidly at from \$3.77 to \$3.89 per box for the 163/175 sizes of Extra Fancy fruit. The same grade and size last week brought from \$3.89 to \$4.14 per box. Grimes Golden from Washington were competed for only moderately but brought from \$3.41 to \$3.47 per box. Most of the Grimes were only in fair condition. Some Winter Bananas from Oregon were offered and brought from \$3.77 to \$3.83 per box.

Prices of American fruit on the Liverpool auction, Wednesday,
October 19 and 26, 1927

Variety and grade	Origin	Price	
		October 19, 1927	October 26, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Apples:			
York Imperials:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	Virginia	\$ 6.81 - 7.30	\$ 6.81 - 7.30
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	6.69 - 6.93	6.56 - 6.93
Unclassified (fair condition) ..	"	6.20 - 6.33	6.20 - 6.45
Stayman Winesaps:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	8.03 - 8.27
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	7.79 - 8.15
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	"	8.15 - 8.27	a/
Ben Davis:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	6.81 - 7.30	6.20 - 6.81
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	a/	5.47 - 6.08
Unclassified (fair condition) ..	"	6.08 - 6.40	a/
Jonathans:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	6.81 - 7.91 b/	7.30 - 8.76
Gano:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	6.08 - 7.66 c/	6.33 - 6.81
Baldwins:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	Maine	7.42 - 7.66	a/
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (poor cond.)	New York	a/	4.74 - 4.87
Jonathans:		Per box	Per box
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	Washington	3.89 - 4.14	3.77 - 3.89
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.41 - 3.65	3.41 - 3.53
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	3.65 - 3.95	3.53 - 3.89
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.04 - 3.47	2.92 - 3.59
Grimes Golden:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 165/175	Washington	a/	3.41 - 3.47
Winter Banana	Oregon	a/	3.77 - 3.83
Pears:			
Comice	Oregon	a/	6.57 - 6.93
Comice	California	a/	6.33 - 6.57
Winter Nelis	Washington	a/	4.87 - 5.84
Winter Nelis	California	5.60 - 6.33	a/
Bartlett	"	4.87 - 5.11	a/
Anjou	Oregon	a/	5.11 - 5.60
Bosc	"	a/	5.11 - 5.35
Bosc	California	4.62 - 5.11	a/
Keiffer	New York	3.55 - 7.18	4.14 - 9.12
Grapefruit	Florida	4.14 - 4.38	3.41 - 4.38

a/ Not quoted in cable. b/ Poor condition. c/ Slack condition.

